

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

JOHNS HOPKINS'S LOSS

HOUSES WORTH ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT.

ONE of the results of the Baltimore disaster has been the serious crippling of the work of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, whose income was largely derived from the rent of buildings which it owned in the burned district. Sixty-eight warehouses, widely scattered, belonging to the hospital have been destroyed and the hospital has lost the income from them for possibly two years.

The hospital property destroyed aggregates nearly one million three hundred thousand dollars. Owing to the complete destruction of the general office of the hospital, on Holliday Street, it is impossible to estimate how much insurance may be recovered.

The money derived from the rental of these buildings, which is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars a year, was devoted to the free work of the hospital, with about thirty-five thousand dollars derived from the rental of other property in control of the trustees.

Under these circumstances it is evident that the free work of the hospital must be severely affected. This, of course, carries with it the cutting down of the chemical facilities of the medical school, which have hitherto been a unique feature of an institution which has done much to revolutionize medical education in America.

Unless a large sum can be acquired for the support of its free wards, the work of the hospital and medical school must be greatly cut down.

The buildings occupied by the hospital for the care of patients were a long distance from the fire and are uninjured. Only the endowment has suffered, and the reduction of regular funds must curtail the work in many departments unless some means can be devised to make up the loss of income for at least two years. It is hoped by the trustees of the institution that philanthropists and public benefactors throughout the country will contribute to an emergency fund to tide over this period.

The property owned by the institution that was destroyed was as follows:

West Baltimore Street—10, 12, 100, 102, 104, 106.

South Calvert Street—116, 118.

Commerce Street—107, 109, 111, 119.

Large warehouse in Exchange Alley.

South Frederick Street—110, 111, 113, 115, 117.

Commercial building on Gay Street.

Grant Street—10.

Hanover Street—13, 15, 21.

Rialto Building, 33 South Holliday Street.

Hollingsworth Street—107.

Light Street—31, 33, 35, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125.

East Lombard Street—102, 104, 115, 117, 301, 303, 305, 307, 401, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 509, 511, 513, 515, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608.

East Pratt Street—100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 406.

South Street—30, 36, 114.

MANY improvements have been made during the past year in the Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington, Ill. The operating-room and Nurses' Home have been renovated, the grounds put in excellent order, and the work of the past year shows an increase of fifty per cent. Mr. Brokaw has given the hospital forty thousand dollars as an endowment fund. The Training-School, under the supervision of Miss Flate, will include district nursing as an additional branch of instruction in the coming year.

SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH HOSPITALS ARE BEING AIDED

MISS HELEN WELLS, of Saginaw, Mich., has presented the General Hospital with a gift of thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a building for the care of consumptives to be erected on the grounds of the hospital. The building is given as a memorial to her father and mother. The Saginaw General Hospital made a beginning in 1887 with sixteen beds, has now accommodation for forty patients, and after the completion of the new wards will have a capacity of sixty beds. Miss Annie M. Coleman, the superintendent, is taking the course in Hospital Economics at Teachers College, New York, and will return to her position upon the completion of the course. She attended the Tuberculosis Exposition recently held in Baltimore in the interest of the Saginaw Hospital. This hospital has also received a gift of seven thousand five hundred dollars from Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Davis for the purpose of a nurses' home.

JOSEPH O. NICHOLS, eighty years old, of 339 Washington Street, Newark, N. J., gave to the city recently a check for twenty-four thousand dollars, the residue of the estate of his cousin, Joseph Nichols, who died twenty years ago and left a will providing that the amount be turned over to the body controlling the City Hospital. Mr. Nichols, when he called at the Mayor's office, said that in giving the check he performed his last obligation as executor.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

THREE Greek maidens, two sent by the Crown Princess Sophia and one here by her own endeavor, arrived recently on the Cunarder *Aurania*, and for four years will devote their time to advanced study as nurses. Two are sturdy descendants of the heroes that held the pass at Thermopylæ, and the third, though a Greek, was born and lives in Turkish territory. On their arrival they went direct to the Greek hotel in Forty-second Street, and from there they went to Boston, two to begin their studies in the Baptist Hospital there, and one at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Matilda Devrishoglu is a native of Brousa, Turkey, and last year was graduated from the American College at Smyrna. The maid of Princess Sophia are Miss Andro Meike Kalaphati, the daughter of a Greek merchant, and Miss

Eliphthera Patalon, the daughter of a teacher on the island of Kithera. They were graduated from the St. Sophia Children's Hospital, founded three years ago by the Crown Princess.

IN the latter part of October, 1903, the officers and head nurses of the Metropolitan Training-School, Blackwell's Island, formed a club for obtaining general information on nursing subjects and current events. The members of the Metropolitan Question Club meet every week, and once a month the evening is devoted to some social function. In one instance a farewell reception was given to the outgoing staff, another evening found the club and many of its professional friends at an exhibition of radium at the Museum of Natural History. The Metropolitan Hospital having an X-ray room, a very interesting evening was spent there. The business meetings have been of the greatest benefit to the nurses, as in many instances when certain subjects were presented they would be discussed from the various points of view before a decision had been reached.

THROUGH the munificent gift of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt visiting nursing is about to be established in connection with the Training-School of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City. The nursing will be carried on in the ambulance district of the hospital, and in connection with the dispensary and accident ward services. Five pupil nurses will be sent out under the direction of a graduate, whose duty it will be to give instruction in home methods of caring for the sick poor. Daily reports of the condition under which the patients live, of the instruction given for hygienic improvement, etc., will be returned to the hospital. One nurse will be detailed to aid in carrying on the work among the tubercular patients of the Vanderbilt Clinic. Arrangements will also be made for the nurses to provide proper nourishment for these patients.

MISS FRANCINE FREESE, of Ithaca, Cayuga County, N. Y., has been made superintendent of nurses at the Cumberland Hospital, Cumberland, Md., a general hospital of sixty beds and twelve nurses. Miss Freese was graduated from the Johns Hopkins Training-School in 1901 and has since been successively head nurse, supervisor, night superintendent, and assistant day superintendent at her alma mater. She takes with her the congratulations and good wishes of all with whom she has ever been associated. The Johns Hopkins Class of 1901 comprised only eighteen members, and of these Miss Freese is the second to attain the headship of a training-school, the first being Miss Etha Butcher, of Chandlerville, Ill., in charge of the Hoyt Memorial Hospital at Shansi, India.

THE senior class of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, has just completed a course of five lessons in "Parliamentary Procedure." These lessons, which are purely practical, were conducted by Miss Adele M. Field, of The League for Political Education. They are highly instructive and interesting, and the class upon graduation will be ably fitted for its alumnae duties. A course of training in reading aloud, under Miss Mary S. Thompson, director of the Bell School of Speech, has been added to the curriculum.

MISS MARY HYDE, of the Class of 1899 of the Toronto General Hospital, is now superintendent of the General Hospital, Dauphin, N. W. T. Miss Hyde writes that everything is quite up to date in this hospital, and that a maternity and infectious cottage will be built in the near future. They have a great deal of

surgical work, a training-school having a three-years' course, electric light, and telephone service, and the hospital is nice and cosey, notwithstanding an outside temperature of 40° below zero.

MISS KATHERINE FITCH, of Ohio, Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1899, has become superintendent of nurses at the Fabiola Hospital, San Francisco, Cal., a general hospital of one hundred beds with thirty nurses and a three-years' course. Miss Fitch, since her graduation, has been successively head nurse of a woman's ward and head nurse in the gynæcological operating-room at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and assistant superintendent of nurses at the hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

MISS NANCY E. CADMUS has resigned as superintendent of the Faxton Hospital, in Utica, N. Y., to accept a similar position at the S. R. Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, succeeding Miss Alice I. Twitchell, resigned. Miss Cadmus is a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, holding a number of subordinate executive positions in that hospital before going to Utica four years ago. Under her able management the Faxton Hospital has reached a high standard of excellence.

MISS FRANCES A. STONE has resigned her position as assistant superintendent of the Training-School of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, to take charge of the new private hospital at Cory Hill, Brookline, Mass. Miss Stone is a graduate of the Presbyterian School, and has been Miss Maxwell's assistant for four years.

MRS. J. B. CHRISTIE has succeeded Miss Stone as assistant superintendent of the Training-School of the Presbyterian Hospital. Mrs. Christie is a graduate of the school and has held several important subordinate positions in the hospital since her graduation.

THE General Hospital, Stratford, Mass., just completed a residence for nurses, which was presented by Mr. Ballentyne as a memorial to his late wife. The residence was opened with appropriate ceremonies on January 6, 1904.

MISS MARGARET WOOD, a graduate of Toronto General Hospital, of the Class of 1903, has been appointed night superintendent of the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Del. Her duties will commence March 1.

MISS RUTH ADAMSON, of Sweden, graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1902, has taken permanent charge of the new Emergency Hospital of Annapolis, Md.

MISS VIRGINIA RICE, Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1899, has taken charge of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, California.

PERSONAL

MISS A. B. HILL, who graduated from the New York Hospital in 1895, and Miss A. E. Holmes, Class of 1896, who have been nursing in the English army in South Africa, though English, were called "the two American Sisters," and are

quite proud of the title and of their American training. The medical officers were always saying "The Americans do the best work in camp." Miss Hill has received by letter the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief—Lord Kitchener—for her service, which had been brought to his notice. The same honor awaits Miss Holmes upon her return. These nurses are the two chosen for this honor by the principal medical officer. Miss Hill is now at her home in England, and Miss Holmes expects soon to return to America.

MISS MARGUERITE CLENDENNING, of the Class of 1900 of the Toronto General Hospital, who has held the position of superintendent of the City Hospital, Vancouver, B. C., for the last six years, resigned, and was married early in January to Dr. Hart, of Vancouver. Miss Isabel Turner, a graduate of the same school, of the Class of 1892, has been appointed to succeed Miss Clendenning, and Miss Anna Booth, Class of 1894, and Nellie McDonald, Class of 1892, have received appointments as head nurses in the City Hospital, Vancouver, B. C.

MISS MARY A. FISHER resigned as superintendent of the Pottstown (Pa.) Hospital and is succeeded by Miss Marie Rund, of Philadelphia, who is about finishing her course as student and will graduate in June. Miss Fisher has gone to Reading, where she will remain a short time previous to going South. Miss Fisher is a graduate of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Training-School for Nurses, Class of 1889.

MISS RHODA PACKARD, of Providence, R. I., Johns Hopkins, Class of 1901, has been obliged by ill-health to give up her district nursing at the Sea and Land House, New York City, and remain quietly at home for some time. Miss Packard has done this arduous work ever since her graduation and is deeply interested in it. All who know her wish her a quick return to health and activity.

MISS JENNIE HALLIDAY, graduate General Hospital, Toronto, of the Class of 1893, has returned from Los Angeles, Cal., where she has been resident for many years, and is established in London, Ont., as a masseuse, having recently taken a post-graduate course in this work at Dr. Weir Mitchell's, Philadelphia.

MISS JANE SYLVESTER, of Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1897, who has been doing both institutional and private nursing for the past seven years, has opened a sanitarium of her own in Washington, D. C., with every prospect of success in her new line of work.

MISS M. G. O'BRIEN, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1897, who has been for two years the Baltimore agent of the Thomas Wilson Children's Sanitarium at Mt. Wilson, Md., has resigned. Miss Gertrude Miller, Class of 1900, has taken her place.

MISS HATTIE A. BUNNELL, who has been superintendent of the Herkimer (N. Y.) Emergency Hospital since its opening, has resigned. Her successor is Miss Clara J. Hurd, of Norway, who has been the assistant superintendent.

MISS SNIVELY has been asked to read a paper at the Berlin (Germany) Conference, June 12, 1904, on the subject, "A Proper Basis for Registration as Regards Education, etc., for Nurses in Canada."

MISS ANNAH WINN, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1897, after seven years of hospital and private work in Baltimore, has begun private nursing in New York City.

MISS JESSIE GREEN, Toronto General Hospital, of the Class of 1893, has gone to Montreal to do nursing in connection with the Victorian Order as district nurse.

MISS ALMA BROWN, graduate Toronto General Hospital, is at present nursing in the Sanitarium in Grand Rapids, Mich.



STOMACH LAVAGE WITHOUT THE TUBE.—N. R. Gordon says in the *Alkaloidal Clinic* that in catarrh of the stomach and in nearly all forms of dyspepsia, especially the atonic variety connected with dilatation, washing out the stomach is the most valuable treatment that can be used. Most forms of gastric indigestion are accompanied by dilatation of the stomach to a greater or less degree. The greater curve of the stomach is increased, forming a bag, which serves as a receptacle for the prolonged retention of a portion of its contents. The downward extension of the stomach is frequently increased from ten to twelve inches over the normal. Thus the stomach is not able to expel through the pylorus all of its contents without some artificial assistance. There is a continual residue of stomach contents, consisting of food and secretions, which remain to ferment and contaminate the fresh supply of ingesta. The writer gives the following method for washing out the stomach: Soon after rising in the morning the patient should sip a pint of warm water containing a little salt; he should then lie down on the back and turn from one side to the other rapidly from ten to fifteen times; then turn on the left side and draw up the knees slightly; then make a voluntary contraction of the diaphragm and recti muscles. Repeat this from ten to fifteen times with a few minutes' rest between every three or four contractions. Then turn to the right side, repeating the same operation. Rest on the right side from forty to sixty minutes, giving time for the entire stomach contents to pass out through the pylorus into the duodenum. Many cases of dyspepsia can be cured by this process. The diet must be simple, and the patient should never eat until he is hungry.

HYPERTHERMIA IN MEASLES.—E. Barnes reports in the *British Medical Journal* a recent epidemic of measles in which he treated about fifty cases. Four of these died, all from hyperpyrexia. They all had lung complications. The temperature in each of three cases reached about 106° F. In the fourth case it ran up to 111° F. This temperature was confirmed by three thermometers. The treatment adopted was the application of cold to the body, tepid baths with ice added, and ice to the head. No effect was seen on the temperature.